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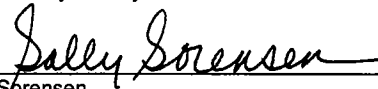
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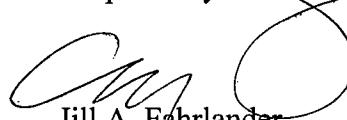
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the Office communication of March 26, 2007 and to the Office Action of December 19, 2006, Applicants elect Group II claims directed to methods of use, without traverse. As for the election of species, Applicants elect methods employing an anthraquinone quencher of formula (I) in which the R_1 is an electron withdrawing group, each of R_6 - R_{10} , R_{11} and R_{12} is H, Z is a linker group, and each of R_2 , R_3 , and R_4 is oxygen.

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